



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/689,565	10/20/2003	Paul Underbrink	ST02010USU (246-US-UI)	8409
7590 Jennifer Hammond The Eclipse Group 10453 Raintree Lane Northridge, CA 91326	08/07/2007		EXAMINER FOTAKIS, ARISTOCRATIS	
			ART UNIT 2611	PAPER NUMBER
			MAIL DATE 08/07/2007	DELIVERY MODE PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/689,565	UNDERBRINK ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Aristocratis Fotakis	2611	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05/29/2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 - 24 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 - 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 05/29/2007 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Objections***

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: Acronym CW should be derived. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities: The amended part of the claim (Lines 7 – 8) should be placed after the correlation of the two channels with a crosscorrelator. Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 17, 21, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Norman et al. (US 6,282,231).

(1) with regard to claim 1:

As shown in figure 1, Norman et al. disclose a radio receiver apparatus in receipt of a spread spectrum radio signal having a first signal tracking channel and a second signal tracking channel (column 7, lines 20-32), comprising:

a demodulator (see column 4, lines 51- column 5, lines 1-2) that demodulates a first signal in the spread spectrum radio signal into the first signal tracking channel and a second signal in the spread spectrum radio signal into the second signal tracking channel;

a crosscorrelator (block 40 in figure 1) connected to the first tracking channel and the second tracking channel;

a signal processor (blocks 40 and 50 in figure 1) that identify a carrier wave jamming signal with the crosscorrelator that is in a mode to identify CW jamming signals (Col 7, Lines 14 – 27, 51 – 57 and Col 8, Lines 29 – 55);

a tracker (block 50 in figure 1) that tracks the carrier wave jamming signal; and

a signal canceller (block 60 in figure 1) subtracts the carrier wave jamming signal from the spread spectrum signal.

(2) with regards to claim 9:

As shown in figure 1, Norman et al. disclose a method of removing a carrier wave jamming signal from a spread spectrum signal having a first signal tracking channel and a second signal tracking channel (column 7, lines 20-33), comprising:

demodulating a first signal in the spread spectrum radio signal into the first signal tracking channel and a second signal in the spread spectrum radio signal into the second signal tracking channel (see column 4, lines 51- column 5, lines 1-2);

correlating the first tracking channel and the second tracking channel with a crosscorrelator (block 40 in figure 1);

changing the crosscorrelator from a cross-correlation identification mode to a carrier wave jamming identification mode (Col 7, Lines 14 – 27, 51 – 57 and Col 8, Lines 29 – 55);

computating a product of the first signal tracking channel and the second signal tracking channel to obtain a carrier wave jamming signal (blocks 40 and 50 in figure 1);

tracking the carrier wave jamming signal (block 50 in figure i); and

canceling the carrier wave jamming signal from the spread spectrum signal (block 60 in figure 1).

(3) with regard to claim 17: As shown in figure 1, Norman et al. disclose a receiver in receipt of a spread spectrum radio signal having a first signal tracking channel and a second signal tracking channel (column 7, lines 20-33), comprising:

demodulation means (see column 4, lines 51- column 5, lines 1-2) for demodulating a first signal in the spread spectrum radio signal into the first signal tracking channel and a second signal in the spread spectrum radio signal into the second signal tracking channel;

correlation means for correlating the first tracking channel and the second tracking channel (block 40 in figure 1);

computation means for computing a product of the first signal tracking channel and the second signal tracking channel to obtain a carrier wave jamming signal (blocks 40 and 50 in figure 1), when the correlation means is in a carrier wave jamming identification mode (Col 7, Lines 14 – 27, 51 – 57 and Col 8, Lines 29 – 55);

means for tracking the carrier wave jamming signal (block 50 in figure 1); and

cancelling means that cancels the carrier wave jamming signal from the spread spectrum signal (block 60 in figure 1).

(4) with regard to claims 5, 13, 21:

Norman et al. further teach the crosscorrelator has a code of all ones for a pseudo random number (PRN) code (column 7, lines 51-53).

(5) with regard to claims 6, 14, 22:

Norman et al. further teach the spread spectrum radio signal is a position signal (column 7, lines 10-13).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Art Unit: 2611

Claims 2-4, 10-12 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Norman et al. (US 6,282,231) in view of Heinzl et al. (US 2002/0012411 ).

(1) with regard to claims 2, 10, 18:

Norman et al. disclose all of the subject matters in claim 1 above except for a signal generator that generates a replica carrier wave jamming signal having a phase from the carrier wave jamming signal having another phase and subtracts the replica carrier wave jamming signal from the spread spectrum signal to cancel the carrier wave jamming signal.

However, Heinzl et al. teach a signal generator that generates a replica carrier wave jamming signal and subtracts the replica carrier wave jamming signal from the spread spectrum signal to cancel the carrier wave jamming signal (page 1, paragraph [0011].

It is desirable to include a signal generator that generates a replica carrier wave jamming signal and subtracts the replica carrier wave jamming signal from the spread spectrum signal to cancel the carrier wave jamming signal to enable GPS and other RF navigation receivers to be structured flexibly to improve anti-jamming capability. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include a signal generator that generates a replica carrier wave jamming signal and subtracts the replica carrier wave jamming signal from the spread

spectrum signal to cancel the carrier wave jamming signal to provide improved resistance to jamming signals.

(2) with regard to claims 3, 11, 19:

Heinzl et al. further teach a signal rotator that rotates the phase of the replica carrier wave jamming signal (page 3, paragraphs [0041] and [0042]).

(3) with regard to claims 4, 12, 20:

Heinzl et al. further teach the signal rotator adjusts the phase of the replica carrier wave jamming signal to match the other phase of the carrier wave jamming signal in the spread spectrum signal (page 3, paragraphs [0041] and [0042]).

Claims 7, 8, 15, 16, 23, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Norman et al. (US 6,282,23.1) in view of Van Stralen et al. (US 6,621,855).

(1) with regard to claims 7, 15, 23:

Norman et al. disclose all of the subject matter in claim 1 above except for crosscorrelator is at least a 1024 bit wide correlator.

However, Van Stralen et al. disclose crosscorrelator is at least a 1024 bit wide correlator (column 3, lines 45-50).

Art Unit: 2611

It is desirable to have a crosscorrelator is at least a 1024 bit wide correlator to improve the reliability of the detection of timing and frequency estimates especially when the signals are weak (column 11, lines 47-50). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a crosscorrelator is at least a 1024 bit wide correlator as taught by Van Stralen et al. in the system as taught by Norman et al. to improve the reliability of the detection of timing and frequency estimates (column 11, lines 47-50).

(2) with regard to Claims 8, 16, 24:

Van Stralen et al. further teach the crosscorrelator includes an at least a 1024 bit wide match filter (column 3, lines 45-65).

It is desirable to have the crosscorrelator further includes an at least a 1024 bit wide match filter to improve the reliability of the detection of timing add frequency estimates especially when the signals are weak (column 11, lines 47-50). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the crosscorrelator includes an at least a 1024 bit wide match filter as taught by Van Stralen et al. in the system as taught by Norman et al. to improve the reliability of the detection of timing and frequency estimates (column 11, lines 47-50).

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed May 25, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicants have amended independent claims of 1, 9 and 17 to show that the cross-correlator changes to a different mode of operation. As discussed above, '231 patent teaches of the weak signal identification mode where the crosscorrelator is looking at CDMA signals that match predetermined PN loaded in the crosscorrelator and a strong jamming signal identification mode where the matching is achieved by a different PN code. Therefore, the amended claim remains rejected as anticipated by the '291 patent.

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., the jamming signal is not being matched to a predefined PN code) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

***Conclusion***

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aristocratis Fotakis whose telephone number is (571) 270-1206. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh M. Fan can be reached on (571) 272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Art Unit: 2611

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

AF

  
CHIEH M. FAN  
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER